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LONGTIME WATER BOARD ENGINEER NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

Pinkos Has Worked With the State and Regional Boards for 28 Years

SACRAMENTO – Thomas R. Pinkos has been named the Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Mr. Pinkos, 55, of El Dorado Hills, is a registered civil engineer and attorney who has more than 30 years of experience in water quality, water pollution control and water resources. He has worked for the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (San Diego and Central Valley) for more than 28 years – the last 23 of which have been at the Central Valley Regional Board.

Most recently an Assistant Executive Officer in the Sacramento office of the Central Valley Regional Board, Mr. Pinkos has led a number of efforts to protect water quality including the cleanup project at Aerojet. He has supervised many programs and projects of the Regional Board and has advised officials on key water quality issues.

Prior to joining the Regional Board, Mr. Pinkos worked as an environmental engineer for the State of Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Pinkos earned a bachelor of science in civil engineering and a master of science in water resources engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, the graduate degree of Engineer in environmental engineering from Stanford University, and a Juris Doctor degree from the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific.

As Executive Officer, Mr. Pinkos will manage more than 200 employees in the Regional Board's Sacramento, Fresno and Redding offices.

The Central Valley Region is the state's largest, encompassing 60,000 square miles, or about 40 percent of California's total area. Thirty-eight of California's 58 counties are either completely or partially within the Regional Board's boundaries.

The Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, along with their tributaries, drain the major part of this large area through an inland Delta, prior to emptying into San Francisco Bay. The Delta is the focal point of the state's two largest water conveyance projects, the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project. Together, the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and the Delta furnish over half of the state's water supply.

The SWRCB and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources and assure their proper allocation and effective use.

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